Cochin Arbitration Bill.

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar.—I rise to move that the Cochin Arbitration Bill be taken up and passed.

Mr. C. J. Mathew.—I second it.

Motion put and carried.

Cochin Registration Regulation Amendment Bill.

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar.—I beg to move that the Cochin Registration Regulation Amendment Bill be taken up and passed.

Mr. C. J. Mathew.—I second it.

Motion put and carried.

Bill to Amend the Cochin Steam Boilers and Prime Movers Regulation.

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar.—Sir, I rise to move that the Bill to amend the Cochin Steam Boilers and Prime Movers Regulation be read in Council.

Mr. C. J. Mathew.—I second it.

Motion put and carried.

Secretary to the Council.—The title of the Bill is a Bill to amend the Cochin Steam Boilers and Prime Movers Regulation.

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar.—There is not much to explain with reference to the scope of the Bill. The Bill intends only to introduce a particular section. The effect of it would be to delete certain words in the original Regulation which gave exemption to Boilers and Prime Movers in steam vessels from inspection from the operation of that Regulation. Government thought that that exemption is unnecessary. So this provision is sought to be introduced.

I pray that the operation of Standing Order 32 may be suspended and I may be allowed to move that the Bill be taken into consideration at once.

President.—Yes.

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar.—I move that the Bill be taken into consideration by this Council.

Mr. C. J. Mathew.—I second it.

Motion put and carried.

President.—Whereas it is expedient further to amend the "Cochin Steam Boilers and Prime Movers Regulation III of 1091" (hereinafter referred to as the said Regulation) it is hereby enacted as follows:—

Preamble.

Preamble put and carried.

1. This Regulation may be called the "Cochin Steam Boilers and Prime Movers (Amendment) Regulation of 1107" and it shall come into force at once.

Short title and commencement.

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Section put and carried.

Amendment to Clause 4 of Section 1.

2. In clause (4) of section I of the said Regulation after the word "apply" in line 2, the following words shall be omitted :—

"To any boiler or prime mover in any steam vessel, or."

Section put and carried.

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar.—I pray that the Bill may be taken and passed to-morrow.

Mr. C. J. Mathew.—I second it.

Motion put and carried.

Cochin Municipal Regulation Amendment Bill.

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar.—I move that the Cochin Municipal Regulation Amendment Bill be read in Council.

Mr. C. J. Mathew.—I second it.

Motion put and carried.

Mr. C. J. Mathew.—The title of the Bill is the Cochin Municipal Regulation Amendment Bill.

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar.—The object of this amendment was precipitated by some difficulties that were experienced by the Trichur Municipal Council in farming out fees collection with reference to the cart stands which the Municipal Council has constructed for the purpose of the carts and other conveyances there. They tried three or four times to farm out these stands but without any success. The matter was referred to the Government and the Government thought that it would be better to do away with the fees. The Council Members also proposed that the stands be made free of these fees and that the tax levied with reference to these carts may be slightly increased. Under the original Regulation the fee was only two rupees. The proposal is to increase it to Rs. 2-8-0. With reference to rikshaws it was Rs. 1-8-0 and it is proposed to raise it to Rs. 1-12-0. With reference to other carriages the present rate is Rs. 3-0-0. It is sought to be raised to Rs. 3-8-0. That is the object of the amendment.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—Have the Government invited the opinions of other Municipalities in this matter?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—It is not necessary. There is still the option for the Municipality to raise or not to raise the tax. The Trichur Municipality wanted to make their cart-stands free and increased the tax on the carts.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—The stand is free. There is no option for that in other Municipalities.

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